

REMARKS

Prior to this Response, claims 1 to 15 were pending and at issue. By this Response claims 3 to 5 have been canceled without disclaimer in response to the pending Restriction Requirement, no additional amendments to the claim have been made nor have any additional claims been added.

The Office Action, on page 2, requires election/restriction between three (3) allegedly patentably distinct species. The allegedly distinct species are identified as:

- Species A of FIGS 1 to 10;
- Species B of FIGS 11 to 13; and
- Species C of FIGS 14 to 17.

Applicant respectfully elects to continue the prosecution of claims 1, 2 and 6 to 15 relating to Species A. Thus, claims 1, 2 and 6 to 15 remain pending and at issue in this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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